

Canaan Lost and Won.

Deut.9:23 And when Jehovah sent you from Kadesh-Barnea, saying, "Go up and possess the land which I have given you"; then ye rebelled against the commandment of Jehovah your God, and ye believed him not, nor hearkened to his voice.

Deut.1:39 Moreover your little ones that ye said should be a prey, and your children, that this day have no knowledge of good or evil, they shall go in thither, and unto them will I give it, and they shall possess it.

INTRO:- From Egypt to Sinai.

Preparation at Sinai.

Law. Tabernacle. Census and ordering.

From Sinai to Wilderness of Paran and Kadesh.

A. How Israel lost Canaan.

I. Israel's refusal to go up with Jehovah.

1. Jehovah's command to go up and possess the land.

2. The sending of the spies.

3. The report of the spies. The fruit of Eschol.

4. Their magnifying of the obstacles in the way.

5. Their minimizing their own powers.

"we were in our own eyes as grasshoppers."

6. Their losing sight of Jehovah and determining to go back to Egypt.

II. Israel's attempt to go up without Jehovah.

1. Jehovah's command to go back into the wilderness.

2. The Israelites made to realize their sin.

3. Their frantic efforts to make amends.

a/ They go up into the hill country, contrary to orders

b/ They are severely defeated at Hormah.

B. How Israel Won Canaan.

I. The promise unto their children. Deut.1:39

B.II. The Training of the Children by Wilderness Discipline.

1. The hardships of desert life
 - a/ united them
 - b/ strengthened them in their religious conception and attitude.
 - c/ fitted them in every way to overcome obstacles.
2. They fought their way into Canaan step by step.
In the spirit of a Caleb and Joshua.

CONCLUSION:- Practical Lessons for us to Learn.

I. The Canaans of Life must be conquered.

II. The Difficulties in the way must be overcome.
The Madrone tree at Castle Rock.

III. Possibilities within us must be developed and applied to the Task.

Illustration.

At Baalbec in a quarry lies the largest carved stone in the world, a magnificent column.

Nearby in the ruined Temple of the Sun is a niche still waiting for the column to be placed in it.
So large, so grand--yet a failure!

IV. We should not let failures overcome us but by means of them should press on to final victory.

The beautiful forest on the slope of the mountain.

- a/ from a distance its symmetrical contour.
- b/ within, no perfect tree but all twisted and gnarled and broken.

Thus we build, by means of our failures, our true success in life.

V. With God, in obedience to His will, is the quickest and surest way of entering our Promised Land.

"Not every one that saith unto me, 'Lord, Lord', shall enter into the kingdom of Heaven, but he that doeth the will of my Father in Heaven."